

In the Claims

1-22. (canceled)

23. (New) A method for treating a psychiatric disorder in an animal, comprising:

administering to said animal an effective amount of an  $I_h$  channel inhibitor, wherein said  $I_h$  channel inhibitor has a  $pIC_{50}$  of 5 to 12 for inhibition of the hyperpolarization-activated cation current in dorsal root ganglion cells.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the psychiatric disorder is depression, anxiety or psychosis.

25. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the  $pIC_{50}$  is in the range of 6 to 9.

26. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the  $pIC_{50}$  is in the range of 6 to 9.